

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

COMPETITIVE PRODUCTS PRICE CHANGES  
RATES OF GENERAL APPLICABILITY

Docket No. CP2013-3

**RESPONSES OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
TO CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 3**  
(November 1, 2012)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its responses to Chairman's Information Request No. 3, which was issued on October 25, 2012. Responses were due by October 30, 2012. Each question is reprinted verbatim and is followed by the Postal Service's response.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. In the "Price Calc Files.zip" file, please refer to the Excel file "Int'l Special Svcs Calc.xlsx," worksheet tab: "INTL SPECIAL SERVICES."
  - a. Please confirm that "International Postal Money Orders" is part of the product "International Money Transfer Service—Outbound" and is not part of the "International Ancillary Services" product. See 39 CFR 3020 Appendix A; see *also* Attachment to Governors' Decision No. 12-02 at section 2615 and 2620. If not confirmed, please explain.
  - b. Please confirm that planned price changes for the International Ancillary Services product result in a price decrease of 0.104 percent for that product.
  - c. If subpart b is confirmed, please provide supplemental materials, if necessary, to comply with the requirements of 39 CFR 3015.3. If not confirmed, please explain.

**RESPONSE:**

- a. Confirmed.
- b. Confirmed. The "International Ancillary Services" price change of -0.1(04) percent is calculated in cell G20 on row 20 of Int'l Special Svcs Calc.xlsx.
- c. As explained in Governors' decision No. 12-02:

Prices for several international ancillary services and paper money orders will be increased. Certificates of Mailing will increase 4.3 percent. Registered Mail will increase 10.2 percent. International Return Receipt will also increase, and International Postal Money Orders will increase 1.1 percent. The amount of Express Mail International merchandise insurance coverage available for no fee will be increased from \$100 to \$200. Due to the elimination of the \$0.85 fee for the EMI \$100.01 - \$200 merchandise insurance coverage tier, the overall increase for the international ancillary services is zero percent."

The -0.1(04) percent price change for International Ancillary Services, confirmed in subpart b, is attributable to the elimination of the \$0.85 fee for the EMI merchandise insurance coverage tier of \$100.01 to \$200. The Postal Service does not anticipate that this change will affect the attributable cost coverage for the International Ancillary Services.

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2. In response to CHIR No. 1, question 6, the Postal Service identified and acknowledged several enhancements for Competitive Post Office Box service, in particular: Street Addressing (including the option to receive packages from private carriers), Real Mail Notification, Signature on File, Baker's Dozen, and no initial key deposits for the first two keys. In response to CHIR No. 1, question 5, the Postal Service identified the following two additional service enhancements: 24/7 access to the boxes, and earlier availability of mail.
- a. Are the enhancements listed above a complete list of service enhancements for Competitive Post Office Box service? If not, please identify and explain any additional service enhancements offered to Competitive Post Office Box service customers.
  - b. Please describe and explain the "earlier availability of mail" service enhancement identified in response to CHIR No. 1, question 5.

**RESPONSE:**

- a. Yes.
- b. Mail is available to customers a minimum of 30 minutes earlier than the previous posted up-time.